

Report on Community Event for Community Facilities

7 December 2019

Event took place 12.00-17.00 on Saturday 7 December.

Display showed:

- vision 'To provide a flexible, integrated and dedicated community space at the heart of the parish, to meet the requirements of an expanding and changing community;
- current plan with sketches from Architype; costs and funding at present;
- work that can be done by volunteers to keep costs down and request for sign-up on skills board;
- Fundraising Group events for 2020 and thermometer of funding raised so far.

45 parishioners from 32 households in the parish and 5 people from outside parish attended.

Comments received from 12 attenders; 2 requested a response:

- To have community centre separate from school makes more sense. I'm not happy to continue to use school hall when community hall is built, it doesn't make sense
- Short mat bowls mats are very heavy, it needs 2 men to carry each one from storage to hall. Is the storage of mats going to be in the furniture storage area or in the storage area behind the kitchen?
- Not enough storage area for all the groups
- Not happy with the layout of the toilets (unisex)
- I don't like the cladding but happy with the finances
- Give every elector chance to respond to next consultation not just by household
- I like the simple design, interior and exterior
- Storage space seems a little small and perhaps unisex toilets may be unpopular
- External – great design – reminds me of Wellington Stores which fits beautifully into village; front triangle bed looks a bit big so access to front restricted, could be reduced in size to accommodate tables and chairs for coffee mornings if large rooms not in use; there can never be enough storage; could there be a flag pole for the Marden flag
- Internal – good design – cleaner's closet needs to be larger and possibly away from the doorway from lobby to kitchen; consider a hatch (where cleaner's closet is now) to allow small events to offer coffees/teas to customers in lobby
- Proposed building looks very good and will be a very good asset for the village
- I back this development fully
- Looks lovely. Excited to see the community centre when it is finished
- Looks charming. Full steam ahead
- Community centre looks good.

4 parishioners offered skills to help:

- Painting and decorating
- General maintenance
- Gardening and landscaping.